

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A document handling machine comprising a non-secure or low security housing, a document store, a document transport for conveying documents of value in one or both directions between the document store and an opening, and a document degradation system, separate from the store, which is responsive to an unauthorised activity in relation to the machine to degrade documents in the machine.
2. (Original) A machine according to claim 1, wherein the store comprises a tray on which documents are stacked, the document degradation system being adapted to degrade documents on the tray.
3. (Currently Amended) A machine according to claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, wherein the document store comprises an open top tray.
4. (Currently Amended) A machine according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the unauthorised activity comprises one or both of an attempt to gain access to the interior of the machine, and an attempt to move the machine.
5. (Original) A machine according to claim 4, wherein the document degradation system comprises one or more sensors for detecting unauthorized access.
6. (Original) A machine according to claim 4, further comprising one or more sensors for detecting unauthorized access; and a controller responsive to the sensors to activate the bill degradation system.
7. (Currently Amended) A machine according to ~~any of claims 4 to 6~~ claim 4, wherein the degradation system can be remotely activated.
8. (Currently Amended) A machine according to ~~any of claims 4 to 7~~ claim 4, further comprising one or more movement sensors for detecting movement of the machine and activating the degradation system.
9. (Original) A machine according to claim 8, wherein the movement sensor(s) is adapted to detect the presence of an external electric field, the degradation system being triggered when the external electric field is reduced or absent.
10. (Currently Amended) A machine according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the machine is self-powered.

11. (Currently Amended) A machine according to ~~the preceding claims~~ claim 1, further including a communication system for communicating with a remote host.
12. (Currently Amended) A machine according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the document degradation system applies a dye to the document when activated.
13. (Currently Amended) A machine according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, the machine comprising one of a document dispenser, acceptor or recycler.
14. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, further comprising wheels or rollers to enable the machine to be moved across a surface.
15. (Currently Amended) A machine according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, further comprising a non-secure cabinet surrounding the document store and document transport.
16. (Original) A machine according to claim 15 wherein the non-secure cabinet is made of plastics or thin sheet metal.
17. (Original) A method of providing documents of value for dispensing, the method comprising providing documents of value in a store having a document degradation system which is activated to degrade documents in the store; and mounting the store in or on a document dispenser, the dispenser being located in an area in which the store is not protected against access by unauthorised personnel, wherein the degradation system is activated in response to an unauthorised activity in relation to the store or dispenser.
18. (Original) A method according to claim 17, wherein the unauthorised activity comprises one or both of an attempt to gain access to the interior of the machine, and an attempt to move the dispenser.
19. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 17 ~~or claim 18~~, wherein the document dispenser is surrounded by a non-secure cabinet.
20. (Original) A method according to claim 19, wherein the non-secure cabinet is made of plastics or thin sheet metal.
21. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~any of claims 17 to 19~~ claim 17, wherein the store comprises an open top tray.
22. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~any of claims 17 to 21~~ claim 17, wherein the store is adapted to receive documents rejected as non-dispensable by the document dispenser.
23. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~any of claims 17 to 22~~ claim 17, wherein the store is conveyed to the document dispenser in a non-secure manner.
24. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~any of claims 17 to 23~~ claim 17, wherein the document degradation system applies a dye to the documents when activated.

25. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~any of claims 17 to 24~~ claim 17, wherein the dispenser ~~is constructed in accordance with any of claims 1 to 16~~ is formed by document handling machine comprising a non-secure or low security housing, a document store, a document transport for conveying documents of value in one or both directions between the document store and an opening, and a document degradation system, separate from the store, which is responsive to an unauthorized activity in relation to the machine to degrade documents in the machine.

26. (Currently Amended) A machine according to ~~any of claims 1 to 16~~ claim 1, the machine being located in an area in which the store is not protected against access by unauthorised personnel.

27. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~any of claims 17 to 25 or a machine according to claim 26~~ claim 17, wherein the dispenser ~~or machine~~ is located in or adjacent a retail outlet.

28. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~any of claims 17 to 25, or claim 27~~, wherein the documents of value comprise banknotes.

29. (New) A machine according to claim 26, wherein the machine is located in or adjacent a retail outlet.

30. (New) A method according to claim 27, wherein the documents of value comprise banknotes.